

<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION (37 C.F.R. 1.63)</b>		<b>Attorney Docket No.</b>	I69.12-0612
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		<b>Filing Date</b>	Herewith
		<b>Group Art Unit</b>	
		<b>Examiner Name</b>	

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:  
**SLANTED MOUNTING FOR PRELOAD FLAT SUSPENSIONS**

the specification of which:

is attached hereto OR  
was filed on as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Certified Copy Attached? Yes      No

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.



U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)

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Title : SLANTED MOUNTING FOR PRELOAD FLAT SUSPENSIONS

In the patent application:

X identified above (and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office herewith).

- filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

I appoint the attorneys and agents associated with Customer Number 00164 to prosecute the patent application identified above and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, including full power of association, substitution and revocation.

I ratify all prior actions taken by Kinney & Lange, P.A. or the attorneys and agents mentioned above in connection with the prosecution of the above-mentioned patent application.

I authorize Kinney & Lange, P.A. to mark the appropriate space above and to insert the filing date and application number of the application, as appropriate.

I aver that I am empowered by Seagate Technology LLC to act on behalf of the Assignee, Seagate Technology LLC, in connection with this document and the above application.

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Dated: Dec. 15, 2003

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## SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Seagate Technology LLC, a Delaware limited liability corporation, is an owner of the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

- A.  An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_, Frame \_\_, or a copy of which is attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of Seagate Technology LLC.

Signature:

  
Paul T. Dietz, Reg. No. 38,858

Date: Dec. 15, 2003

Title:

Patent Attorney

**ASSIGNMENT**

Attorney Docket No. : I69.12-0612

Seagate Docket No. :STL 11503.00

WHEREAS, we, Joel David Limmer, 11340 Harrison Road, Bloomington, MN 55437, USA and Bradley Jay VerMeer, 15018 Valley View Place, Savage, MN 55378, USA are the inventor(s) of an invention entitled SLANTED MOUNTING FOR PRELOAD FLAT SUSPENSIONS that is the subject matter of: (Check all that apply)

- a provisional application for Letters Patent which is identifiable in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. filed on ;
- an application for Letters Patent which has been executed on even date herewith and/or is identifiable in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. filed on ;and
- an international application for Letters Patent filed pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty which is identifiable in the United States Receiving Office by Application No. ,filed on ; and

WHEREAS, Seagate Technology LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and the United States of America, and having offices at 920 Disc Drive, Scotts Valley, California, 95066 USA, ("Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the applications, and any and all Letters Patent or similar foreign or domestic legal protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, we transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the above-identified applications, all provisional applications from which any of the above-identified applications claim priority, corresponding domestic and foreign applications, any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute for the applications, all Letters Patent, any reissue, re-examination, or similar legal protection issuing related to the Letters Patent, and all rights and benefits under any applicable treaty or convention; and we authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office or foreign equivalent to issue the Letters Patent or similar legal protection to the Assignee.

We authorize the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to insert in this instrument the filing date(s) and application numbers when ascertained. We further authorize the Assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent or similar legal protection, in its own name if desired, in any and all foreign countries and appoint Assignee the common representative in the above identified international application and any international application for the invention.

We represent to the Assignee, its successors and assigns, that we have not and shall not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with this Assignment. We, our executors or administrators, will at any time upon request, without additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, execute and deliver to Assignee or its legal representatives such additional writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee, its successors and assigns, may deem desirable to perfect its enjoyment of this grant, and render all assistance in making application for and obtaining, maintaining, and enforcing the Letters Patent or similar legal protection on the invention in any and all countries, including without limitation providing testimony in any related interference, litigation or proceeding.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

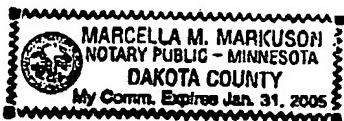
Joel D. Limmer  
Joel D. Limmer (Inventor)

STATE OF Minnesota)

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COUNTY OF Hennepin)

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003, before me personally appeared Joel D. Limmer to me known to be identified herein, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes herein set forth.



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Marcella M. Markuson

Notary Public

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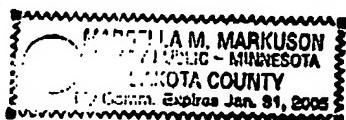
Bradley J. VerMeer  
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On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003, before me personally appeared Bradley VerMeer to me known to be identified herein, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes herein set forth.



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